performance of the Indian Team at the ICC World Cup 2007 and held the team collectively responsible for its poor performance.

(c) and (d) BCCI have acknowledged that cricketers are the highest paid sportspersons in the country and payments to them are made in terms of contracts signed with them. Such contract, in turn, are based on their past performance.

Utilization of funds for SCs and STs

4730. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 24.64 crores was allocated to his Ministry for the year 2006-07 to be spent on programmes with at least 20 per cent allocation benefits to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the programmes which have been undertaken by his Ministry for 2006-07 with details of budget funds utilized, quantitative and qualitative benefits accrued to these sections, State-wise;

(c) the programmes with that least 20 per cent allocation out of the Budget allocation of Rs. 39.19 crores to be undertaken for 2007-08 with details thereof; and

(d) the amount likely to be spent and benefits to be accrued to these sections, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) This Ministry is implementing Plan schemes relating to be development of youth activities and sports in the country. While these schemes are not specifically earmarked for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SCs & STs), efforts are always made to ensure that 20% of the budget is spent under the schemes for the welfare of SC/ST wherever possible. A stipulation is also made in financial sanctions to ensure that SC/ST beneficiaries are encouraged to participate in programmes. However, under the schemes of National Integration and Promotion of Adventure, the position in respect of the programmes undertaken by the Ministry during 2006-07 and details of budget funds utilized, quantitative and qualitative benefits accrued to these sections are given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Total Actual Expenditure during 2006-07	SC/ST Plan Expenditure during 2006-07	Total achievement (Quantitatively) during 2006-07	SC/ST Plan achievement (Quantitatively) during 2006-07
1.	Promotion of National Integration	Rs. 4.93 crore	Rs. 0.98 crore	8200	1740
2.	Promotion of Adventure	Rs. 2.10 crore	Rs. 0.42 crore	7500	2160

It may be noted that allocation of funds is not made State-wise to provide assistance to SCs and STs under these schemes. In so far as the scheme of Financial Assistance for promotion of Youth Activities & Training is concerned, a statement showing funds released and beneficiaries benefited with regard to SCs/STs during 2006-07 is enclosed.

Statement

Details of finds released and beneficiaries benefited

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Total funds released (Rs.)	Funds utilized for SCs/STs (Rs.)	Total No. of beneficiaries	No. of beneficiaries (SC/ST)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4,18,447/-	83,689/-	210	42
2.	Assam	2,70,250/-	54,050/-	—	—
3.	Bihar	3,55,021/-	71,004/-	—	—
4.	Delhi	2,19,79,915/-	43,95,983/-	9000	1800
5.	Daman & Diu	72,313/-	14,463/-	30	6
6.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	94,875/-	18,975/-	—	—
7.	Gujarat	2,62,576/-	52,515/-	110	22
8.	Haryana	7,30,438/-	1,46,088/-	200	40
9.	Himachal Pradesh	5,69,990/-	1,13,998/-	360	72
10.	Jharkhand	51,639/-	10,328/-	—	—
11.	J&K	1,10,476/-	22,095/-	—	—
12.	Karnataka	2,50,763/-	50,153/-	120	24
13.	Kerala	21,938/-	4,388/-	—	—
14.	Madhya Pradesh	4,38,006/-	87,601/-	—	—
15.	Maharashtra	5,23,238/-	1,04,648/-	210	42

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Total funds relaesed (Rs.)	Funds utilized for SCs/STs (Rs.)	Total No. of beneficiaries	No. of beneficiaries (SC/ST)
16.	Manipur	3,72,215/-	74,443/-	—	—
17.	Nagaland	4,66,125/-	93,225/-	275	55
18.	Orissa	8,20,233/-	1,64,047/-	—	—
19.	Punjab	44,146/-	8,829/-	—	—
20.	Rajasthan	5,99,740/-	1,19,948/-	320	64
21.	Sikkim	1,96,305/-	39,261/-	—	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	32,400/-	6,480/-	—	—
23.	Uttar Pradesh	26,55,272/-	5,31,054/-	330	66
24.	Uttarakhand	87,750/-	17,550/-	60	12
25.	West Bengal	38,15,188/-	7,63,038/-	300	60
	Total:	3,52,39,259/-	70,47,853/-	11525	2305

Development of cricket through sports hostels

4731. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2725 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th April, 2007 and state:

(a) the reasons for leaving the entire aspect of improving the performance of Indian Cricket team, particularly when the team failed repeatedly, to the BCCI;

(B) whether Government propose to develop the game of cricket through its sports hostels and other facilities rather than just relying on BCCI which has become almost a non-entity due to various internal problems; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the attention to the aspect of catch them young and coach them?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) In terms of the National Sports Policy, 2002, the responsibility for the promotion of sports disciplines, including the aspect of improving performance, lies with the National Sports Federations/ Associations concerned. Government only supplements the efforts of the